

Mark Kennard Home
Rochelle Prairie, Grimes County, Texas

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KENNARD HOUSE (MARK KENNARD)
Roans Prairie, Grimes County, Texas.

Owner W. S. McIntyre

Date of Erection 1855

Architect Unknown

BUILDER Mark Kennard

Present Condition Bad

Number of Stories Two stories

Other Existing Records Unknown

Materials of Construction Frame.

Additional Data: This is also called the Walker House, as Mrs. Kennard was a Walker. The upper story of this house is not in use. Stairs have been torn away. Tenant is Tony Podrza.

Mark Kennard was the son of Anthony D. Kennard. He served in the Texas Revolution with three other brothers. After Texas won her independence he came back to Roans Prairie and married a Miss Helen Walker, the daughter of Buck Walker, a neighboring family from Alabama. His father gave him several hundred acres of land near his home and Mark built a fine two story home on it in 1855 where he lived until his death several years later.

This house follows a type that seems to have been fashionable in the early architecture of the State. It has little beauty and the form was probably forced on account of the materials used. Close the front porch in to correspond with the lean-to at the rear, rip out the second floor and leave the interior posts that support the outside walls of the second floor and you have the nave of a clerestory church.

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